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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING,

MARCH 11, ON LATIN AMERICA

SPOKESMAN: THE NEWS CAME OUT ON SATURDAY: AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE SPECIAL MEETING WITH 24 COUNTRIES OF THIS HEMISPHERE IN MEXICO, AT WHICH TIME IT WAS AGREED THERE WOULD BE A FURTHER CONSULTATION BETWEEN THOSE FOREIGN MINISTERS, THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS REAFFIRMED HIS INVITATION TO THOSE FOREIGN MINISTERS -- WHICH HE GAVE IN TLATELOLCO -- TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE. AND THEY HAVE BEEN INVITED TO MEET IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 17TH -- WITH A PROGRAM BEGINNING AT NOON ON APRIL 17TH, RUNNING THROUGH APRIL 18TH -- AND THERE-AFTER THEY WILL GO TO ATLANTA, WHERE THERE WILL BE THE MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH STARTS ON APRIL 19TH. AND WE WILL HAVE LATER ON, OF COURSE, MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS ON THAT.

Q: IS THE SECRETARY STILL GOING DOWN TO ATLANTA, OR WILL THIS OBVIATE THAT? UNCLASSIFIED

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A: HE IS PLANNING TO GO; YES.

Q: GEORGE, ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS THE GATHERING IN ATLANTA?

A: I DON'T KNOW OF ANY PRESIDENTIAL PLANS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT AS YET.

LATER IN BRIEFING FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OCCURRED:

Q: THIS WAS IN PARADE MAGAZINE THE OTHER DAY IN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PART WHERE IT SAYS: "IT IS TRUE THAT UNDER NIXON THERE HAS BEEN SCANT IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS, BUT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CASTRO AND MAY SOME DAY EFFECT SOME RAPPROCHEMENT WITH HIM." IS THAT TRUE?

A: NO. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN IN CONTACT. KISSINGER

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